



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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P. MICHAEL FREEMAN
FIRE CHIEF
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

October 20, 2009

30 OCTOBER 20, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE THE ATTACHED APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT TO TRANSFER
FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT'S DESIGNATION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE GROWTH
TO THE DISTRICT'S SPECIAL SERVICES BUDGET UNIT;
AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FIXED ASSETS OVER \$250,000
(ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT:

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is moving forward with replacing and upgrading its Very High Frequency (VHF) radio system infrastructure and is requesting approval of an Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$6.2 million to purchase Services & Supplies and Fixed Assets to provide the system infrastructure, radio frequencies, and dispatch console system. The purpose of this project is to maintain a safe and efficient radio system by utilizing the current legacy system, Wideband Analog Technology, and to transition to a Narrowband Technology (NBT) compliant system imposed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This NBT compliant system must be in place by January 2013.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment to transfer \$6.2 million from the District's Designation for Infrastructure Growth to the District's Special Services Fixed Assets in the amount of \$4.6 million and Services & Supplies in the amount

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of \$1.6 million budgetary units, in order to purchase necessary communications system infrastructure, radio frequencies, and dispatch console system.

PURPOSE / JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of the recommended action will allow sufficient funding in the District's Special Services budgetary units to purchase necessary communications system infrastructure, radio frequencies, and dispatch console system to maintain efficient communications, and to be prepared to transition to newer radio communications technologies, as follows:

- **Radio Systems Infrastructure** \$2.5 million

This will facilitate the NBT requirement imposed by the FCC.

- **Five (5) pairs VHF frequency** \$2.2 million

This will give the District exclusive rights to five additional VHF frequencies in order to enhance wild land fire incident communications with local, state, and federal agencies.

- **One (1) Dispatch Console System** \$1.5 million

This purchase will replace the District's existing outdated dispatch equipment and will ensure reliable communication through interagency interoperability, which will enhance firefighter safety. In addition, this new console system will provide the capability for both the Sheriff and Fire Departments to share each others dispatch systems during times of local system disruption or failure.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

Approval of the recommended action supports the County's Strategic Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness, and Goal #5, Public Safety, by increasing the safety and security of all residents in Los Angeles County through the comprehensive integration of public safety information systems in a cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT / FINANCING

With your Board's approval of the enclosed Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$6.2 million, sufficient funding will be available within the District's Special Services Budget Unit to purchase equipment and system infrastructure.

There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS / LEGAL REQUIREMENT

On May 2, 2006, the Los Angeles County Board Of Supervisors approved the transfer of \$26 million from the District's Designation for Budgetary Uncertainties to the Special Operations Bureau budget unit Services and Supplies Appropriations. This transfer was for the purpose of funding the replacement and upgrades of portable radios, mobile radios, and maintenance of system infrastructure, coverage improvements, equipment installation and training, initial phase of mobile data system improvements, and cost over-run contingency funding. Replacement and upgrades of portable radios and mobile radios have been completed at a cost of \$15 million.

The District is moving forward with the next task of replacing and upgrading its VHF system infrastructure to allow for the safe and efficient operation by utilizing the current legacy system, Wideband Analog Technology, and have the ability to transition to a NBT compliant system imposed by the FCC. This NBT compliant system must be in place by January 2013.

The Chief Executive Office, County Counsel, and Auditor Controller have reviewed the recommended action.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

The purchase process is under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase of this commodity will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing and contracting policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended action will ensure the District's firefighter personnel are supported by safe and effective emergency communications to provide essential levels of public safety service to the residents of Los Angeles County. The action will expand the District's interoperability and provide necessary voice equipment to maintain operations.

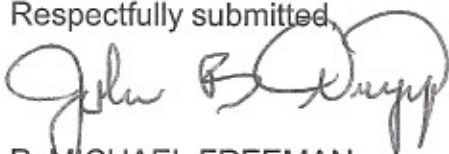
CONCLUSION:

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please instruct the Executive Officer to return a copy of the adopted letter to the following office:

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1. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office – Business Operations
1320 North Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Attention: Deputy Chief Daryl L. Osby

Respectfully submitted,


P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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Attachment

C: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Auditor Controller
Internal Services Department

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTDEPT'S
NO. 390-03

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE

OCTOBER 13, 2009

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2009-10
4 - VOTESOURCESFire Department
Financing Elements Budget Unit
DA1-3060
DES for Infrastructure Growth - \$6,200,000
Decrease DesignationUSESFire Department
Special Services Budget Unit
DA1-FR-40100-40191-2000
Services & Supplies - \$1,600,000
Increase Appropriation

Fire Department
Special Services Budget Unit
DA1-FR-40100-40191-6030
Fixed Assets Equipment - \$4,600,000
Increase Appropriation

SUMMARY TOTAL

SOURCES:

\$ 6,200,000

USES:

\$ 6,200,000

JUSTIFICATION: TO FUND THE REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE OF PORTABLE RADIOS, MOBILE RADIOS, SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE, COVERAGE IMPROVEMENTS, EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AND TRAINING.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ASSISTANT CHIEF, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT # 30 OCT 20 2009

Sachia A. Hamai

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERREFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR:

ACTION

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RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

Oct 5 20 09

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY

Karen Shikuma

APPROVED (AS REVISED):

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